



# Animal Baby Names Matching Game

Have you ever wondered what you call a baby animal? Use the clues below to determine what baby name goes along with each animal. You will find a list of all the possible animal names at the end of the clues.

Even though most people do not think fondly of our flying mammal allies, **bats**, their offspring do share the same name as the young of man's best friend. \_\_\_\_\_

**Meerkats** are known for building large underground tunnel systems to keep themselves and their young safe in Africa. Those tunnels do not come in a set ready to be put together, despite the name given to their offspring. \_\_\_\_\_

It is no laughing matter; the offspring of a **goat** might have a familiar sounding name to you youngsters. \_\_\_\_\_

Unlike the fluffy flightless young **geese** that hatch looking very different from their elders, the name of a baby goose is very similar to the one given their parents. \_\_\_\_\_

Young **American bison** look so different from their parents that their name actually includes the name of an entirely different species! \_\_\_\_\_

It is surprising that baby **giraffes** have a name that can also refer to a muscle in the human leg, when their legs are not known for having great muscle tone. \_\_\_\_\_

One thing you can say about a baby **alligator**, they have absolutely no problem coming out of their shell! \_\_\_\_\_

Despite not falling into the same family as felids, a baby **hyena** is called a name that might sound familiar to all you cool cats out there. \_\_\_\_\_



As a member of the lesser ape family, **gibbons** have a name for their young that is very familiar to us humans. \_\_\_\_\_

The name given to baby **frogs** may sound like a made up word, but it is made of two parts that mean “head” and “to wiggle” - a great way to describe a young frog. \_\_\_\_\_

The name for a young **eagle** describes it to a T, one extra T to be exact. \_\_\_\_\_

A young **fish** is not the same thing as the side dish we usually think goes best with a hamburger, despite their name. \_\_\_\_\_

The baby **Madagascar hissing cockroach** shares its name with a creature in Greek mythology, but make no mistake, cockroaches are no made-up spirit! \_\_\_\_\_

Most **snakes** hatch from eggs, but some give birth to live young. Even though the word for this type of baby snake includes a person’s name in it, most people are not as excited to see a young snake as they would be seeing a friend by this name. \_\_\_\_\_

Not all young **condors** are girls, but the name for a baby condor can also be a word used to describe a female person. \_\_\_\_\_

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Word Bank

Baby

Fry

Neonate

Calf

Gosling

Nymph

Chick

Hatchling

Polliwog

Cub

Kid

Pup

Eaglet

Kit

Red Dog

## Answer Key

Bat - **pup**

Meerkat - **kit**

Goat - **kid**

Goose - **gosling**

American Bison - **red dog**

Giraffe - **calf**

Alligator - **hatchling**

Hyena - **cub**

Gibbon - **baby**

Frog - **polliwog**

Eagle - **eaglet**

Fish - **fry**

Madagascar hissing Cockroach - **nymph**

Snake - **neonate**

Condor - **chick**